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Dan Grabauskas Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation City and County of Honolulu Alii Place, Suite 1700 1099 Alakea Street, Honolulu, HI 96813

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Dear Mr. Grabauskas:

SUBJECT:

HRS §6E-8 Verification of compliance with Interim Protection Measures under HAR Section

13-275-9 and Determination Letter Concurring in Project.

Honolulu High Capacity Rapid Transit Corridor Project, East Kapolei to Ala Moana

Center

Honouliuli, Hoʻaeʻae, Waikele, Waipiʻo, Waiawa, Manana, Waimanalo, Waiau, Kalauao, ʻAiea and Halawa Ahupuaʻa, 'Ewa District and Moanalua, Kalihi, Kapālama, Honolulu and Waikīkī

Ahupua'a, 'Ewa and Honolulu Districts, Island of O'ahu.

TMK: (1) 1-1, 1-2, 1-5, 1-7, 2-1, 2-3, 9-1, 9-4, 9-6, 9-7, 9-8, and 9-9 (various Plats and Parcels)

SHPD has received a request for a two-step verification of the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation's compliance with the historic preservation process as outlined in HAR Section 13-275. Specific authority for two-step verification is per HAR Section 13-275-9(d). SHPD received this request on August 29, 2013

In a separate letter (Log #2013.5066A) SHPD accepted the HART Interim Protection Plan, which prohibits construction between Aloha Stadium and Ala Moana Center until area-specific monitoring plans have been accepted by SHPD. SHPD added three conditions before construction can start in the area from Middle Street to Ala Moana (Construction Phase 4): 1) a Data Recovery Plan must be accepted by SHPD, 2) an End-of-Fieldwork Letter must be accepted by SHPD, and 3) the archaeological monitoring plan must include construction buffers for the four burial sites in the event that a Burial Treatment Plan has not been approved by the O'ahu Island Burial Council and SHPD prior to review and acceptance of the End-of-Fieldwork Letter and monitoring plan. In addition, SHPD requested one change to the heading on Table 1. Because all mitigation measures are in place for the areas between East Kapolei and the Halawa Stream, no additional interim protection measures are necessary for those areas.

The Interim Protection Plan provides adequate protection measures for sites throughout the corridor. There are no physical protection measures because construction will not be allowed until specific mitigation measures have been accepted by SHPD. By submittal of letters to AECOM Technical Services, Inc. and to Perkins+Will, HART has notified its construction firms that construction bid documents must include the aforementioned prohibitions on construction and state that these construction restrictions must remain in place "until HART provides additional confirmation of SHPD-approved direction." Accordingly, SHPD agrees that interim protection measures have been successfully completed and construction may proceed with the understanding that Step 2, the submittal and acceptance of 1) all items required in the IPP, 2) a Burial Treatment Plan, 3) an archaeological data recovery report, and 4) an archaeological monitoring report, is required to complete compliance with the historic preservation process.

Based on SHPD's concurrences and approvals for the project, including verification of compliance with the Interim Protection Plan as stated above, SHPD hereby issues this Determination Letter and concurs with the Honolulu High Capacity Rapid Transit Corridor Project.

Please contact Pua Aiu at (808) 587-1497or at pua.aiu@hawaii.gov if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Aloha,

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State Historic Preservation Officer

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